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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	9304	Agenda Number	16.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2011			Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD d/b/a WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE BOARD for child care quality improvement services for a 6-month renewal in an amount not to exceed \$244,107, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,114,126.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$225,171 will be available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$18,936 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Certification Special Revenue Fund. The period of the amended Agreement is October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Funding is contingent on available funding in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	May 13, 2010 Council approval of initial Interlocal Agreement. July 28, 2011 Council approval of Amendment No. 2. June 23, 2011 Council authorized extension of existing contracts through March 31, 2012.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

On June 23, 2011, Council directed the City Manager to extend current contracts through March 31, 2012. Council approval of this 6-month renewal is requested to comply with that directive. New contracts resulting from the social services Request for Proposals process are anticipated to begin April 1, 2012, contingent on Council approval.

Workforce Solutions delivers child care quality improvement services with federal funding and through contracts with the City, Travis County and United Way Success By 6. WFS and the Austin Community College Child Development Department comprise the Quality Child Care Collaborative that coordinates services with each other and the funding agencies. Services focused on improving the quality of child care programs serving a significant number of low income children include: support and mentoring for centers working to meet voluntary quality standards; intensive series-based training for directors and teachers; wage supplements for degreed teachers that remain in the classroom; purchase of education materials for providers; mental health/therapeutic consultations for providers serving children with challenging behaviors including assistance in making referrals for mental health services for the children and their families; and provision of and training of child care health consultants and playground design and safety consultants.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (6 month goals)

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output (unduplicated):

Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance: 262

Outcome:

Percent increase in number of centers that meet quality standards: 5%